

In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A liquid-retaining wall comprising two consecutive vertically disposed prefabricated panels, assembly means for assembling together said two consecutive panels, a low belt on one side of said panels, which supports the panels and which comprises two consecutive low section members, and a high belt on an opposite side of said panels, which is fitted to the panels and which comprises two consecutive high section members substantially in the form of channel section gutters, the assembly means holding together said two consecutive panels while allowing one of them to move angularly relative to the other about a vertical axis, an angle-determining means element for ensuring that said two consecutive panels are at a determined angular orientation relative to each other as a function of the outline of the wall to be made, and further including stiffening reinforcing means for stiffening said two consecutive panels once they have been assembled to one another, wherein said panels are planar and are equally suitable for including in a rectilinear or a curved portion of the outline of the wall, and wherein each said angle-determining means element comprises a plane part presenting two horizontal arms that are respectively mounted on two consecutive section members of the low belt and/or of the high belt and that form a determined angle relative to each other to shape the angle between said two consecutive panels.
2. (Previously presented) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 1, wherein said panels are identical.
3. (Previously presented) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 1, including means for leveling the heights of said panels.
4. (Previously presented) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 1, wherein the low and high belts of the system are rigidly connected to each other by a portion of the assembly means.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously presented) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 1, wherein each section member extends over a length that is at least as long as the length of a panel supported thereby.

7. (Previously presented) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 6, wherein each section member of the low belt is rectilinear and forms a substantially channel section gutter with a double wall extending along one of its longitudinal sides to define a slot in which the bottom portion of at least one panel is engaged.

8. (Currently amended) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 7, wherein said the angle-determining means element is are mounted in two consecutive gutters formed by two respective consecutive section members of the low belt.

9. (Currently amended) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 7, wherein each section member of the low belt is stiffened by said reinforcing means.

10. (Previously presented) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 9, wherein the reinforcing means are constituted by concrete which is cast into the gutter formed by each of the section members of the low belt.

11. (Currently amended) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 1, wherein the high belt which is fitted to the panels is constituted by a set of strips and by a set of said two consecutive high section members fixed respectively to the strips, each strip and each section member extending over a length that is at least as long as the length of a panel on which they are fitted.

12. (Currently amended) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 11, wherein each section member associated with a strip is fixed by being engaged in said strip section member.

13. (Currently amended) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 12, wherein ~~each section member forms a substantially channel section gutter, and wherein~~ said angle-determining means element is mounted in two consecutive gutters respectively formed by two consecutive high section members of the high belt.

14. (Currently amended) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 13, wherein each high section member of the high belt is stiffened by reinforcing means.

15. (Currently amended) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 14, wherein the reinforcing means are constituted by concrete which is cast into the gutter formed by each high section member of the high belt.

16. (Previously presented) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 1, wherein each panel mounted in a vertical position presents two vertical lateral edges, each

lateral edge presenting over all or part of its height a folded flange, the two flanges of a panel being folded towards the same side of the panel, and wherein the assembly means between two consecutive panels comprise at least an internal, first section member mounted between the two adjacent flanges of said panels, and at least an external, second section member fitted over the two adjacent flanges of said panels and which penetrate into the insides of the low and high belts in such a manner that one of said panels is free to move angularly relative to the other of said panels about said vertical axis.

17. (Previously presented) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 16, including leveling means for leveling the heights of two consecutive panels.

18. (Previously presented) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 17, wherein the leveling means are constituted by a pin which is engaged in two holes pierced in the bottom portions of the flanges of the panels.

19. (Previously presented) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 1, wherein each panel is made from a metal sheet that is about 1.5 mm to 2 mm thick.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) A liquid-retaining wall according to claim 1 comprising a swimming pool wall.

22. (New) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 9 wherein said reinforcing means comprises metal reinforcement.

23. (New) A liquid retaining wall according to claim 14 wherein said reinforcing means comprises metal reinforcement.